1 Name of the State	Proposed Investment *(Rs. Crore)*
Jammu & Kashmir	4288
Jharkhand	12743
Karnataka	27211
Kerala	602
Lakshadweep	0
Madhya Pradesh	11674
Maharashtra	43825
Manipur	3
Meghalaya	1131
Mizoram	0
Nagaland	16037
Orissa	66760
Pondicherry	1060
Punjab	6726
Rajasthan	3971
Sikkim	261
Tripura	300
Tamil Nadu	58885
Uttar Pradesh	25655
Uttaranchal	4367
West Bengal	30299
Location in more than One State	29
TOTAL	533658

Steps to counter non-Tariff barriers

3574. SHRI R. KAMRAJ:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developed countries were shutting their doors on India's exports in the name of non-Tariff barriers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is aware of the ploy being used by developed countries in restricting our exports;

(c) if so, what retaliatory action is planned by Government against the so-called non-Tariff barriers;

(d) the details of steps proposed by Government in ensuring that our exports are not restricted by false excuses, etc.; and

(e) the effectiveness of such steps taken by Government to counter the non-Tariff barriers being used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) There are various procedural requirements, in addition to Customs tariffs, imposed by all countries on international trade. Some times these procedural requirements act as barriers and are called non-tariff barriers. Indian exporters face such barriers from time to time in several countries including the developed countries. The problem arising due to non-tariff barriers are duly taken up with the concerned authorities of the country concerned bilaterally with a view to their early and mutually satisfactory resolution. Certain issues, that are not resolved this way, have been taken up for resolution through WTO's Dispute Settlement Mechanism. In the WTO negotiations, India has co-sponsored proposals along with some other developing countries to disallow use of measures by developed countries that make exports difficult for developing countries.

Inter State Council for promotion of exports

3575. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up an Inter State Council for promotion of exports;

(b) if so, what is the mandate of this Council;

(c) when is the Council going to be set up and who is going to head the Council; and

(d) how many times in a year will the Council meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) It is proposed to set up an Inter State Trade Council to engage the State Governments in providing an enabling environment for boosting international trade.

(b) The proposed terms of reference of the Council are:

(i) To identify impediments that affect the exports adversely.

(ii) To evolve uniform practices across different States in respect of trade facilitation.